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H1N1

Flu hits hard

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

The flu is here.

Two weeks ago, both Minden and Haliburton's emergency rooms received 25 per cent more patients than normal with a large portion of those presenting with flu symptoms, hospital president Paul Rosebush said.

"A minimum 25 per cent [increase] in hospital ERs – minimum – and at a least 30 per cent of folks coming in are demonstrating symptoms of influenza-like illness," he said.

The influx hit October 21 and the numbers have stayed consistently high since then.

In the wake of 13-year-old Evan Frustaglio's death from the H1N1 strain of influenza on October 26, hospitals across the province have been inundated with concerned parents and their sick children, who all fear the worst could happen to them.

Meanwhile, the health unit ran its first vaccination clinic at the Legion in Haliburton for those

See **Schools** *page 18*

JENN WATT/Echo

No one was complaining about the two-hour wait for H1N1 vaccinations at the Haliburton Legion on Friday. It was the first clinic in the Highlands and targetted people at highest risk for getting the flu. A flu assessment clinic opens at the Haliburton medical centre this week to try to keep the virus out of hospital ERs. Details are on page 19.

705 AREA CODE

Get ready to dial 10 digits in 2011

PEGGY ARMSTRONG
Special to the Echo

Your fingers will have to do a little more dialing for local telephone calls in the 705 area code just over a year from now.

Local calls will require 10-digit dialing – the 705 area code and the phone number – in 2011. As well, a new area code, 249, will be added to the region.

The transition to 10-digit dialing will begin on January 15, 2011, and will be gradually introduced over the following weeks. It will become mandatory by March 12, 2011, according to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). The new area code of 249 will begin to be assigned to new telephone numbers as of March 19, 2011.

The CRTC announced the change last month. In a press release it said the change is taking place in northern Ontario. However, spokesman Denis Carmel confirmed that all municipalities, including the Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes, with the 705 area code are affected.

The region also includes Peterborough, Parry Sound, Orillia, Barrie, North Bay, Timmins and Sudbury.

The CRTC said it is making the change because it received a report from the Canadian Numbering Administrator earlier this year that warned that the 705 area code is expected to run out of numbers by October, 2012.

The transition period of more than a year will give telephone companies time to prepare, Carmel said, and to inform customers. He added that alarm companies that use automatic dialing will have to reprogram their systems. Carmel noted that all phone numbers already assigned will not change. After the transition, the only Ontario area code left not requiring 10-digit dialing will be 807.

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THEATRE

Divorce Anyone? peeks into couples' apartments

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-op student

Marriage. The word either gives you butterflies or it sends shivers down your spine.

The Highlands Little Theatre will take you on a hilarious journey involving marriage with its production *Divorce Anyone?*

The play, written by John Patrick and being directed by local thespian Wayne Cooper, is made up of three one-act plays set in the 1970s.

The audience will get the privilege to see what goes on behind the walls of three separate apartments in a Manhattan high-rise and get a glimpse of the not-too-common aspects on marriage.

"The Highlands Little Theatre has never done anything quite like this," actor and costume designer Caryl Miller said. "It's a little more... adult."

And by adult she means stories such as a wife complaining that her husband never notices her and a man noticing his wife is no longer interested in going to bed with him. So parents, this is your chance to get out and away from the kids for an evening.

Originally the play was set to run April 2 to 4 but was postponed due to illness.

All shows will start at 8 p.m and will run November 12, 13, and 14. On the 14th there will be a matinee, starting at 2 p.m. as well as an evening show.

Tickets are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Organic Times in Minden for $15 each.

Clarification

In last week's story about Hilltop Market, the information with the photograph should have said that Agnes Reiss has leased the business to Collin Burke and Lisa Marchant. The *Echo* apologizes for the error.

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BUSINESS SOLD

County printer turns new leaf

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Wendy Gunning, left, owner of County Commercial Printers, has sold her long-time business to Janis Parker, who will continue the business under the name Parker Pad and Printing.

When John and Wendy Gunning bought County Commercial Printers in 1988, they had no idea they were buying more than a business.

Through their everyday dealings with customers, they created a web of friendships that went deep into the community, forever binding them to their new home in Haliburton.

It's because CCP was such an important part of their life that Wendy found the energy and resolve to keep it going through the dark days of John's illness and passing in 2004. He had cared so passionately about the business, learning all he could to both help the company grow and keep up with the phenomenal advent of computer technology. She wanted to honour that legacy after his death by having CCP continue to thrive.

But it was more than that. She loved the business too.

"I loved the opportunity to meet people and the fact that they stepped in regardless of whether they needed a business card or a hug," she says. "They came in as a customer and went out a friend."

But there comes a time when a desire to move on to the next phase of your life means letting go of an old one.

As of the first of November, County Commercial Printers will become Parker Pad and Printing. The business has been sold to long-time Kennisis Lake cottager Janis Parker, who owns a printing company of the same name in Markham.

Parker had also not envisioned a career in the printing business, even though printer's ink was in her blood. Her grandfather, Frank Parker Sr., started Parker Pad and Printing in the basement of his Toronto home. Printing business pads – any type of pad – provided the foundation of a business that eventually grew to accommodate the needs of many large corporate clients, including American Express.

Frank Sr. was at a printers' convention in Detroit when he got involved in an "impromptu" poker game. He accused one of his fellow players of cheating, a fight ensued and Frank was killed.

The business was taken over by his sons Frank Jr. (Janis's father) and Roger. Janis was only five but because her mother was very busy at home with young twins and foster children, Janis spent a lot of time with her father. When the business was faced with a deadline, she'd often go with him into work in the middle of the night to keep the presses running.

And yet when it came to choosing a career, she wanted to be an outdoor education teacher. She'd been a competitive athlete in softball and basketball, and her favourite memories were of summer camp and visits to the cottage on Kennisis. Unfortunately, when she graduated in 1976 there were very few teaching jobs available and she found herself doing sales for a very large printing company in Toronto.

It was a near-fatal accident involving her Jeep and a transport truck that led to her buying Parker Pad and Printing from her father (who had bought out his brother after 15 years). Even when she was in the hospital she was phoning clients and making deals. But it was physically difficult to be on the road as much as she had been. Her father was thinking about succession so it was natural for Janis to buy the business.

County Commercial Printers was also a natural fit. Janis and her husband Ron Kuzik are in Haliburton every weekend and now that she's a councillor with Dysart et al, they're here for quite a few weekdays as well. She's established many contacts in the community, especially in the arts world, where she's become a notable patron. She was doing some printing for Haliburton County residents but didn't want to directly compete against County Commercial Printers. Eventually she approached Wendy Gunning about buying the business.

It was an opportune time for Gunning to embark in a new direction. Her son Mike, who worked at CCP and was a natural successor, died of a heart attack this past winter. It was a devastating blow, the fourth loss of a close family member in five years. Spending time with her other son, DJ, her father Walter and her partner Bryce Blair became a priority. As much as she loved the business, it was time to have more freedom to be with those she loves.

"I have lots to do but it was a long process to get here," she says. Like her husband John, retirement will not mean slowing down. The Gunnings had bought County Commercial Printers from founder Terry Blair because their plans to retire to their cottage in Haliburton didn't factor in how bored John would become. He'd had a successful career with companies such as IBM, Xerox and Motorola and needed the stimulation of the business. He concentrated on the printing while Wendy was in charge of the administrative and business side.

In those early days there were no computers. Ads were created by hand by graphic designer Jim McLean. "I still have pieces he did when he cut with an Exacto knife to make a curve," she says. "Haliburton was black and white in those days. If we got a two-colour business card it was a bonus – and the only colour was red."

There have been many staff changes since then, with staff members' skills growing along with the business. One of Wendy's goals was to empower staff so that they could learn new skills and fulfill their potential. In recent years, the dedication of designer Bonnie Thompson and office staff Nancy Houghton has meant that CCP never missed a deadline.

Although Wendy will no longer be involved in the business, she is not cutting her ties with the community. She's the incoming secretary/treasurer of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, a role she thrives on, and is also very much involved with fundraising efforts with Ducks Unlimited and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, giving the spark of her boundless vitality to many local events.

Janis Parker is looking forward to melding the two businesses together and fostering the growth that is now possible. They're selling their Markham home to be able to spend more time in Haliburton, the place that is their natural home.

"What don't I love about Haliburton?" she says.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox for Christmas?

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS
Co-op student

Take a look in your closet or perhaps around your house and you'll probably find an old shoebox. It may just look like a small cardboard box and mean nothing to you, but to a child in Africa a shoebox would mean the world.

It is that time of year again. Christmas is coming up fast and that brings the start to the annual Operation Christmas Child in Haliburton.

The program is from Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization that has been providing spiritual and physical aid to people around the world since 1970. Canada has been participating since 1993 to bring children in developing countries some hope around the holidays.

So how exactly does this program work? Well it isn't hard. First you get an empty shoebox from one of the local churches, or if you have a bunch at home pick up a pamphlet. Next, determine whether the gift will be for a girl or boy, and which age group (two to four, five to nine or 10 to 14). Then you fill it with things they rarely have. Some ideas would be stuffed animals, school supplies, picture books, small musical instruments, hard candies, T-shirts, socks, hair clips, notepads and a facecloth and mild soap. Things to not put in the boxes would be gum, soft candy, toothpaste, scary items such as war-related toys, things that would harm a child such as knives, shampoo, creams liquids and things that could break such as mirrors. Once your box is complete they ask you to put in $7 for shipping and drop it off at one of the local churches. From there it will be shipped to Peterborough then to Kitchener where the main sorting centre is.

But how are we sure that every child will get a gift? Each year Samaritan's Purse goes to the villages they are supporting and find out exactly how many children there are. That way no child is left out. They also look to see what the villages or towns may need such as water filtration units. They then make sure to bring back support to help out when they return with the shoeboxes.

Cathy Burk, the Haliburton representative, picked it up a few years ago and gets a big reward from knowing she's helping.

"They make a DVD each year of them handing out the shoeboxes, and you should see the smiles," Burk said. "They're not used to getting presents; some have never even been given a gift."

Cathy Burk is once again inviting everyone to fill a shoebox for a girl or boy for the annual Operation Christmas Child in Haliburton, a program from Samaritan's Purse. /File photo

This year Canada is going to villages in Central and South America and West Africa. Last year 679 boxes were collected, and since 1993 a grand total of 68 million have been collected in Canada. If you have any questions you can contact Cathy Burk at 457-2357 and you can visit their website at samaritanspurse.ca.

H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

Who can be vaccinated?

- People under the age of 65 with chronic medical conditions, including cardiac disease, chronic pulmonary diseases (especially asthma), diabetes, cancer, renal disease, HIV, and transplant patients;
- Pregnant women;
- Healthy children from six months to five years;
- Health care workers involved in pandemic response or the delivery of essential health care services;
- Household contacts and care providers of people at high risk who **cannot** be immunized or may not respond to vaccines.

Who should not attend a clinic?

- Please do not attend a clinic if you have a fever, new or worsening cough or body aches.

What to bring?

- Ontario Health Card and/or Driver's Licence

Where are the clinics?

Haliburton: Royal Canadian Legion, Mountain Street
Monday, November 9 from noon to 6 pm
Saturday, December 5 from 10 am to 2:30 pm

Minden: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside Street
Monday, November 16 from noon to 6 pm
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Fay Martin, president of Places for People, speaks to a group of volunteers at McKeck's restaurant Friday. /Jenn Watt photo

PLACES FOR PEOPLE

Tenants found for local affordable housing

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

Places for People has found two viable tenants in its first affordable housing project in Haliburton County, president Fay Martin told a group of volunteers at McKeck's Friday.

The two families visited the site in the George Street building this past weekend and are happy to sign on .

McKeck's will be providing the housing group with workers this month, who will be paid by the restaurant to do renovation work on the site.

Tenants are expected to move in February.

Volunteers who can commit any amount of time to the process are invited to contact Heather Reid via heatherreid@interhop.net or call 286-2411 or 489-2098 evenings.

TRANSPORTATION

GO bus comes to Peterborough region

Bus will make stop at corner of Highways 115 and 35

PEGGY ARMSTRONG
Sun Media

GO Transit has officially announced that a bus stop will be added at the commuter parking lot at Highway 115 and Highway 35 on the new Peterborough route.

The new stop became effective October 31.

In a news release, it says the stop will be served by all trips.

"To accommodate the extra stop, southbound bus trips will leave Trent University a few minutes earlier, and northbound trips will arrive later."

The bus runs between the Oshawa GO train station and Trent University in Peterborough.

The announcement ends speculation that a stop was going to be added to the route at that location in Clarington, just south of Manvers Township in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

For specific train and bus schedule information call 416-869-3200, 1-888-GET ON GO (438-6646), or 1-800-387-3652 TTY, or check the Schedules section at www.gotransit.com.

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A life in boxes

Packing up a life and putting it into boxes is a very interesting experience. As you sort through all the mementos and detritus of 24 years in Haliburton, you find yourself having to make big decisions. Pack, store or toss? There are the things that would be meaningless to other people but you can't bear to get rid of – the faded hooked coaster that you bought your now-deceased grandparents on your Grade 8 class trip to Quebec, for instance. But then there are the boxes and boxes of boxes of old newspapers – your life's work. Are they worth keeping? Will you ever, realistically, read them again? (Thanks to a friend's offer of free garage space, they're not heading for the dump.)

echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

Some of your life has been made obsolete by technology. I had files of all manner of subjects, including one called "bugs and moths." This was from the days when the entire county was under siege with a gypsy moth infestation. The stories in the file were, at the time, handy background material. Today, however, a reporter would simply Google "gypsy moth" and within seconds have reams of reference material. Toss "bugs and moths" file.

Luckily, Carol Moffatt was on hand for the purging of my office. She was both brutally efficient in her decisions about what had no present-day value but also a conscientious guardian of our past. She's the founder and curator of the Stanhope Heritage Museum and will divvy up any of the old, interesting files and clippings among the appropriate museums.

The most distressing thing about going through some of these files is the realization that once I'm gone, no one will realize why I thought them important enough to keep. People won't be able to make the link between the clipping and an event or person in the Highlands. The clippings will be like all the old black and white photos of long-gone family members. There are no names on the back of the photo so while you know these people mean something in your life, without the names they are just old photos.

There's a sense of loss, of a history slipping away. We try to grab onto it to keep it in the present but it's beyond our grasp. I'm the last person at the *Echo* who worked with Creighton Feir, who once owned the paper with his father Berkeley. On the list of names on the bottom of this page we had put "Forever In Our Memories: Creighton Feir" after he died about 15 years ago. For so many of us "oldtimers," Creighton had been the *Echo*. Now there's only one person who works here who even remembers meeting him.

Life is all about letting go, and learning to do it with grace. Keep the things that make you happy. Let go of the things that make you sad. Know that you can't stop time. And, in my case, have absolute faith that the newspapers I am leaving behind are in very good hands.

Spooky *Photo by Chad Ingram*

An convenient half-truth

tales from **Vinegar Hill** *steve galea*

Last week, fellow columnist Charlie Teljeur questioned whether hunting is a sport. I can see why too. Charlie is one of those super-elite athletes who golfs.

When measured by that heady yardstick, all other activities pale in comparison. Let's face it, not everyone has the physical stamina or God-given athletic ability to drive a golf cart. And let's not even mention the mental toughness required to watch a caddy carry and select your clubs.

Actually, just to be clear, hunting is the original sport; just as golf, if I'm not mistaken, is the original sin. Okay, I could be mistaken…

Besides, Charlie based his argument on a dictionary definition of the word sport. He writes, "The Oxford Dictionary defines 'sport' as a game or competitive 'activity'…"

The problem is that he forgot to provide the second half of that very same definition which says, "especially an outdoors one involving physical exertion. Eg. cricket, football, racing, hunting."

Hunting? That's right, hunting is actually specified in the Oxford Dictionary's definition of the word sport.

Just to be sure about definitions, I checked my old 1930s Webster dictionary too. It defines sport as "an out-of-doors activity such as grown men indulge in, more especially hunting or fishing…"

By the way, both dictionaries define golf, baseball, football and hockey as "games," not sports.

This is not to say that these definitions are wholly correct by modern standards, but it does illustrate how the definition of sport has been bastardized to include those other pastimes along with hunting and fishing – the original sports.

No matter. All this is simply an exercise in semantics. Call it what you like, hunting is what it is. Whether you understand or agree with it is highly personal and, of course, you are entitled to that opinion.

But, again, just to be clear, numerous surveys have shown that approximately 20 per cent of any population is for and against hunting. The remaining 60 per cent lie somewhere in between. Despite what Charlie asserted, quite a lot of people sit on the fence on this one.

This is why it is vitally important for hunters to obey game laws and respect private property. And it's why the vast majority of us constantly make an effort to do so.

The rifle season for deer is on as you read this. But that's surely no surprise to anyone who lives in this region. The hunt is a strong cultural event in most rural areas. It is also traditional, legal and ethical. The sport certainly encompasses far more than the dictionary definition implies, but that's the subject of another column.

I happen to be one of thousands of hunters in the county who wait all year for these two weeks. Will I get a deer? Most years I do; some years I don't. That is where the sport part enters into the equation. Just because you see a deer doesn't mean you'll come home with it. They win far more often than they lose.

In any case, I just thought I'd respond. I've got nothing against you questioning hunting Charlie – it's everyone's right. But, for a golfer to suggest that it's not a sport – well, that took a lot of balls.

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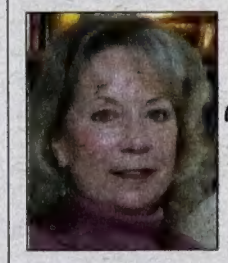

down our **road**

sharon lynch

ARE YOU HUNGRY? Would you like some lunch? Although the questions were asked innocently enough, Olivia knew a potential mine field lay ahead. For while her response ought to be, "Yes and can I help?" she knew that preparing food with another person was fraught with danger. It was like a crash course in getting to know someone- for better or for worse. Nothing like a little slicing and dicing to bring out the idiosyncrasies in people, the warts of bad taste and sloppy habits. And as this afternoon was the first time Olivia had been in her new friend's kitchen, she was hesitant about rushing into things.

You can tell a lot about people by their kitchen, she thought, watching Peter open a can of tuna. For example, he used a simple manual opener, good quality mayonnaise and whole grain bread; all points in his favour. While the window ledge above the sink held a collection of ancient cough drops, gas receipts and a broken pencil from the Ark, the counter was spotless. Disorganized but basically clean, she surmised. Perhaps. Olivia didn't want to jump to conclusions.

It was when he began chopping the onion into chunks the size of ice cubes, she began to have second thoughts. He seemed to expect her to add these to the tuna and mayonnaise. She was aghast. Why there was almost as much onion as tuna. But being a polite Canadian ready to at least try something radical now and then, she simply slid the mountain of eye-watering vegetables into the bowl and stirred. Without comment she grabbed the salt and pepper and tossed some in. Oblivious to her discomfort, he stood beside her buttering the bread in preparation. Out of the corner of her eye Olivia noted with approval that he pulled the butter to the very edge of the crust. Thoroughness was a trait she admired.

The sandwiches made, more questions rose in Olivia's mind. What would he offer to drink, if anything? Where would they eat? There were of course several options for each of these, all meaningful in their own way. An offer of water, tea or milk made a statement about his outlook just as the suggestion or beer or pop did likewise. If they sat at the kitchen table, they could look at the bird feeder but if they sat on the sofa it was more comfortable.

To her surprise, he offered pickles, coffee and a seat on the sofa. Olivia liked surprises as long as there weren't too many at one time. So far so good.

There was a large coffee table in the living room which was convenient for plates and coffee mugs. She looked at the mismatched plates but noted the paper napkins. Sunlight poured in from the picture window, spilling across the wood floor in a blaze of fall warmth. The tamaracks on the other side of the glass seemed lit from within as their glorious honey-coloured needles stood sharply against their darkly twisted limbs.

Between bites Olivia and Peter manoeuvred their conversation somewhat awkwardly, as people do when they want to make a good impression while still trying to find out as much as possible about each other. Olivia really liked the pickles, the same she always bought. The coffee was also good, not the coloured dishwater people so often mistook for java. But the biggest surprise was the tuna sandwich.

Olivia didn't know where all the onions had gone but somehow their flavour and size had merged with the other ingredients with flavourful results. She made a note to try this at home herself. Who said you couldn't teach an old dog new tricks, she smiled, leaning back in the sofa after accepting Peter's offer of a second cup of coffee and a homemade cookie. After lunch they were going for a walk. Then a thought crossed her mind. What if he wanted to hold her hand? Olivia decided she's probably let him. She was feeling pretty adventurous today.

pic *of the* past

This week's Pic of the Past is of Leigh Sisson and Isobel Gibbs at their homestead on North Shore Road. The house is now called Mountainside Farm and it's where Bob and Joan Mann (Highlands Printing) live. In the 1960s this is where Brigadoon Riding Stable was. Our thanks to Carol Moffatt of the Stanhope Heritage Museum for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

Vaccine too little too late

To the Editor:

According to all media reports, the H1N1 flu virus has definitely arrived. The public is being encouraged to put aside all fears regarding vaccines and get in line.

However, those of us who live in Haliburton County will just have to wait. The first clinic for phase one individuals was held on October 30. When I inquired as to when clinics would be held for those of us who are healthy and under 65, I was told the first clinic will be held on December 5.

According to the *Toronto Star* on October 29, clinics for healthy individuals under 65 in the GTA will begin on November 1. Those of us who live in Haliburton County will have to wait a whole month longer to receive our vaccines. Too little, too late.

Janet Bradley

Iraq war cannot be supported

To the Editor:

I live in the area and am totally offended by the "Support Our Troops" banners hanging around town, which sounds very much like an order. Millions of people have died in this illegal war in Iraq and babies are being born with hideous deformities from the depleted uranium.

How in God's name can anyone support the troops, where getting your first kill is rewarded?

The people that do support the troops have no idea what's going on and should go there themselves or, if they have the courage, watch this video: "What you didn't know about the war" on youtube.com.

Johannus Boots
Kinmount

Slow down on 118

To the Editor:

This is an alert for visually challenged motorists entering the village of Haliburton from the west on Hwy 118.

Most residents know the blind curve encountered entering the village in the location of the former Sir Sandford Fleming College and possibly one day the site of a monster condo.

There has always been a sign advising that the speed at this point changes from 60 km/h to 50 km/h. The visually impaired do not recognize this and those living nearby hear the squeal of brakes and have witnessed near accidents.

With the helpful endorsement of Dysart roads superintendent Brian Nicholson I contacted MTO and asked if the present sign could be replaced by a larger model. This has been done.

Please obey the speed limit. Traffic will only get worse if the condo is built.

Michael Barnes, C.M.
Haliburton

Red Hawks are a class act

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate the coaches and players from the Haliburton high school. I am a custodian at Holy Cross in Peterborough and I am responsible for cleaning the boys' change rooms on a daily basis.

A few weeks back when Holy Cross hosted both the junior and senior football teams I had the pleasure of speaking with a few of the players and then cleaning the change room after they left. I was shocked. But it was in a good way – I have NEVER seen a change room left in such good shape.

Your boys did not leave behind any garbage on the floor, spit on the mirrors, or leave mud in the showers, smelly deposits in the toilet, gum in the urinals, etc., etc.

Parents and coaches should be VERY, VERY proud of how their boys behaved when out of town – clean, and very polite and friendly.

Joan Hudson
Peterborough

Support Legion's poppy fund

To the Editor:

The poppy drive is coming soon. It is a time for remembrance and appreciation. The Royal Canadian Legion has strict guidelines on how money collected may be spent. There is an audit each year to ensure the funds are used for their intended use which is primarily for the assistance to our veterans and the education of our children.

As our veterans grow older they become more dependent on medical aids such as wheelchairs, wheelchair ramps, etc. and often cannot afford to buy these items. When the local Legion branch is aware of their plight the poppy fund is used to help the veteran acquire the much need devices.

The money is also used in teaching our children about Remembrance Day and why it is important and why we have the freedoms we enjoy today.

As we watch the news every day, it is not hard to see what our world could be like. It is therefore imperative for our children to understand the sacrifices made by these brave individuals to ensure our liberty and the liberty of others and to aid these individuals in any way we can.

You can donate to the poppy fund at any time of the year and request a tax receipt if required. It is during the poppy drive that the need is brought to the forefront.

My hope is that you can find it in your heart by your generous donations to help us continue providing these services.

Terri Clarke
Poppy Chairperson
Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 624, Wilberforce.

Open sign better than closed

To the Editor:

I would much rather look at an "open" sign for a local business than signs on every corner pointing the way to someone's cottage. These businesses are trying to make a living in a poor economy and need to advertise. Cottagers should hand out maps to their friends. After awhile, they remember where you live!

Shirley McDowell
Scaborough

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HALLOWE'EN

Hallo-Wee Care kids have fun and get scared

Photos by Chad Ingram

Haliburton's Wee Care childcare centre was transformed into a house of horror on October 31. The phony netherworld was so spooky that many of its visitors, young and old, left screaming. Outside, things were a little less frightening, with pumpkin carving and pony rides.

Three-year-old Devante Casey-Palmer was ready to do some swashbuckling in his pirate costume.

Jayden vanLuik-Brohman came dressed as a bunny.

Glenn Graham carved a jack-o'-lantern using a skull stencil.

Left: There was no shortage of creepy characters in the haunted house.

Below: The haunted house was the scene of carnage and gore after a horrific accident.

Above: This creepy fellow rose from the dead to send children Hallowe'en greetings.

Left: Tice Berry, dressed as a tiger, samples a witch's brew.

CENTURY 21

Stamps pass the torch to Hodgsons

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

A good match: Andrew Hodgson and his wife Anne, not shown, are looking forward to building on the strengths of the Century 21 franchise established by Kim and Derrell Stamp in 1998.

Eleven years ago, Kim and Derrell Stamp wanted to work in a collegial real estate office that focused on team work and community service.

They decided to create their own work culture and opened Century 21 Granite Realty Inc. in Haliburton, eventually opening offices in Minden, Carnarvon and Kennisis Lake.

Now, having built the business to include 23 realtors and three full-time staff, they are selling the franchise to Andrew and Anne Hodgson.

"We created this company and it's like passing this child on in marriage," says Kim. She thinks it's a perfect match, and not just because the Hodgsons share the same values. Andrew's late father, Douglas, was director of education when Kim was a secretary at the school named in his honour. She's constantly impressed by how similar Andrew is to his father, a man Kim greatly respected and admired.

It's those connections – the tiny links that bind people together in a small town – that make Haliburton what it is. And it's those connections that Century 21 has always striven to create in its own dealings with clients.

As the Stamps reflect on their years at Century 21, they tell of friendships made during the drives with clients from property to property. There was the 92-year-old woman who was selling her cottage north of Minden. They worked with her for weeks to find the buyer she'd be happy with, even driving down to Toronto to present her with competing offers. They helped people with one of the most important decisions of their lives – buying or selling a property. And for many sellers, the decision was a difficult, emotional ones. The Stamps wanted to do everything they could to make it easier and stress free.

At the office, "we wanted to be seen as co-workers, equal to the staff," Derrell says.

Kim adds that "you work with these people every day" and it's important to build an atmosphere of trust and honesty. "Lots of times two heads are better than one. We wanted them to feel comfortable helping them put a price on a property but knowing that we wouldn't try to take the listing."

"Our goal was to support our staff as much as we could," Derrell says.

Andrew, whose family roots in Haliburton stretch back to the 1860s, moved back to Haliburton a few years ago after a successful but stressful career in politics. The former executive director of the Progressive Conservative party of Ontario, he worked on several campaigns and was at one point John Tory's chief of staff.

There were many things he loved about politics but has no regrets about leaving that world. "Politics is all negative based and it kills you," he says.

When he and Anne moved to the house where he had been raised, he joined Century 21 at its Minden office and began volunteering with Rotary and Fleming College. Anne became a very active volunteer, working with the Arts Council in particular, and enjoyed being able to pursue her love of horses. Now she is in the midst of getting her realtor's licence so she can join the team.

Many people don't realize how many hours a realtor puts in. Derrell says that once spring arrives, weekends are spent driving clients to properties and weekdays are devoted to paperwork and administrative duties. Andrew says that as he promotes Haliburton County as a destination for residents and cottagers, he's memorized all kinds of selling points, such as where high-speed Internet is available and the driving distance from any lake to Sir Sam's Ski Area.

Technology will be part of the company's growth. The Hodgsons recognize how important broadband infrastructure is to the Highlands' ability to attract people who want to be able to work from their cottage to allow them to extend a weekend into a three- or four-day retreat. Likewise, they see technology as a way to reach out to people who want to visit the Highlands to view properties without the three-hour drive. Newcomers will bring new dynamics to the county

Derrell and Kim will continue as realtors with Century 21 but they are looking forward to turning over the administrative responsibilities to the Hodgsons. "We love the business and want to contribute towards the success of the company," Kim says.

The transition formally takes place in early December.

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H1N1

Sports programs forge ahead despite flu

TERRANCE GAVAN
Special to the Echo

Evan Frustaglio, a 13-year-old Mississauga hockey player, has become the poster child for H1N1 in Ontario.

His sudden death on October 27, after participating in a weekend hockey tournament, stirred real concern regarding sports-related implications of the H1N1 virus.

His death remains a bellwether, a cautionary tale, a tragedy of immense proportion, and a catalyst for a lot of worst-case scenarios.

Evan died three days after complaining to his mom about a sore throat. "It progressed to a little bit of a cough and we figured it's a cough, okay, and from there it didn't seem like much more than that," said Evan's mom, Ann-Marie Frustaglio, who works as a registered nurse.

Put in perspective, young Evan's death is an anomaly – most children who have contracted the flu achieve full recovery after several days to a week – but also a horrifying indication of the sudden and cruel impact of the H1N1 virus.

Here in the Haliburton, the H1N1 virus has already adversely affected several high school sports teams.

The senior football team was close to forfeiting their Kawartha semi-final against Kenner last Thursday in Peterborough.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Gary Brohman, who also coaches senior football, said that a decision to play was made only after a head count was taken last Thursday morning.

He said that no protocol had been set up, but that decisions to play or not to play would be made by individual coaches or the administration on a case-by-case basis.

"Our decision last Thursday was strictly a coaching decision and not a protocol," said Brohman. "That was just common sense out of regard for our athletes."

Similar flu-based stressors have been placed on varsity girls' field hockey and some of the other fall sports programs at Hal High.

Athletic director Ron Yake said that luckily this epidemic has come at a time when fall sports are just ending. He added that to his knowledge no high school sports or Kawartha zone championships have been cancelled thus far.

Absenteeism on some days at HHSS rose to over 100 students last week, and at a small school those numbers take a huge toll on extra-curricular activities including sports teams and after-school clubs.

Brohman said that Hal High was following a strict regimen set down by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, but that no strict protocol or regimen had been entrenched in athletics.

"All the information is on the Trillium Lakelands website, including all the things we're supposed to do with attendance and reporting our attendance," said Brohman. "We're wading through this H1N1 with the idea that we handle it properly and according to the school board recommendations."

> **The number one thing is if there's a fever you don't come to school and obviously you don't play sports. And that's number one, because if it spikes you don't want to be around anyone. And so we're very cautious, and we send kids home during the day if we feel that they have flu symptoms.**
> Principal and Coach, Gary Brohman

He said that the school and all of the coaches were relying upon common sense approaches to the monitoring and control of suspected flu cases.

"The number one thing is if there's a fever you don't come to school and obviously you don't play sports," said Brohman. "And that's number one, because if it spikes you don't want to be around anyone. And so we're very cautious, and we send kids home during the day if we feel that they have flu symptoms."

Right now school closures are not anticipated, and Brohman is hoping that the epidemic will run its course before any schools have to be closed or school athletic programs put on hold.

Right now staff and coaches are on alert, and they will be taking the requisite measures to ensure that students remain the number one priority.

"We never know if it's H1N1, so the bottom line for us is caution," said Brohman. "And we're really vigilant to the point of being over-careful and very cautious."

The Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA), which oversees high school championships and athletics in general, has posted a strict set of guidelines on its website.

OFSAA suggests that, "teachers and coaches need to emphasize to players and parents the need for total cooperation in all aspects concerning hygiene to prevent the transmission of H1N1."

Suggestions include reporting any symptoms immediately to coaches; no sharing of towels, clothes, or water bottles; frequent hand washing; and ensuring that athletes are given at least a week to recover from a bout with influenza.

Dr. Steve Ferracuti, chief of staff for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said that he doesn't see any benefits accrued from the closing of schools or the shutting down of sports.

"I don't think there's any sense or logic in closing schools, because it's probably going to accomplish very little," said Ferracuti.

He said that students and athletes should stay home and refrain from sports when encountering any of the symptoms of H1N1.

Those symptoms can be found on the Trillium Lakelands website at www.tldsb.on.ca.

Ferracuti added that Haliburton Highlands would be participating in the province-wide inoculation program.

Inoculations began on Friday, October 30, at the Haliburton Legion, with a clinic for high-risk clients.

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A Volunteer Appreciation day was held October 4, 2009 at the fairgrounds. Thank you again to all those who attended and helped make the day special.
See you at the 2010 Fair.

FIELD HOCKEY

Two out of three ain't bad

The senior girls field hockey team came a very close second at the Kawarthas tournament in Peterborough Tuesday. In their first game the girls squashed Adam Scott 4-0 with goals by Lindsey Pogue (2) and Megan MacDuff (2). Into their second game, Haliburton again defeated the competition with Pogue scoring the only goal of the game.
Defeat came for the Hawks in the third game against St. Pete's, where Haliburton lost 1-0. The junior girls played on Wednesday and placed first overall.

Photos by Trudy Pogue

In front, from left, Megan McDuff and Grace Diesel; in back, Kara Pogue and Erin Pottier.

Left: Lucy Belli, Brittany Howe, Jillian Mayhew and Grace Diesel. For story and photos of the Varsity Girls Field Hockey team's success, see the November 4 *Minden Times*.

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HHSS FOOTBALL

Red Hawks fall to H1N1 and numbers

TERRANCE GAVAN
Special to the Echo

Running back Grant Ellis attempts to shake off a tackle on his way to a first down in the second half. /Photos by Terrance Gavan

Football is all about numbers.

Twelve players, two teams on 110 yards of manicured lawn playing 48 minutes amidst a muffled mishmash of barked snap counts.

Numbers can be cruel and last week, a passel of niggling numbers mercilessly piled on the flu-depleted remnants of the Hal High senior football squad.

And after four quarters of playoff football last Thursday, a final tally trumpeted the cruelest numbers of all – Kenner Rams 25, Hal High Red Hawks 0.

The semi-final Kawartha zone loss swept a promising Red Hawk season under the carpet. But to be fair, some other numbers played big on Kenner Field.

It's 95 clicks to Peterborough and there were only 23 Red Hawks on the bus. Some Red Hawks players couldn't make the trip for the most important game of the season.

And a large number of the players that managed to make it to the game were still recovering from the numbing after-effects of the flu.

The numbers that ultimately loomed largest in this contest – H1N1 – spelled a disappointing end to a season for the senior Hawks.

The timing of a Hal-High-wide influenza outbreak could not have been worse for the club.

The Hawks lost to Kenner 15-14 during the regular season on a last-minute Kenner touchdown drive. Thus this game set up as a classic confrontation between two evenly matched squads.

Was not to be, however. From the opening whistle, a veritable cornucopia of numbers started to roll inexorably against a determined but depleted Red Hawks squad.

Just three plays into the game, Kenner's number 33, Dillon Borland, scampered 35 yards behind a phalanx of three left-leaning linemen and into the end zone. A conversion put the Rams up 7-0, and that prodigious statement set the tone for the remainder of the first half.

The Rams added to their tally with a single off a missed field goal and then Borland worked his magic again, scoring on a 28-yard off-tackle play. A two-point conversion put the Rams up 16-0 early in the second quarter.

The first half ended 18-0 after Red Hawks quarterback Scott Griffith put a knee down in the end zone and gave up a safety touch late in the second quarter.

The Hawks were looking forward to having a healthy complement of running backs featuring a returning tailback Drew Paul, along with running backs Greg Baumgartner and Matt Rae. Paul tried, but aggravated an old injury and was lost for most of the contest. Baumgartner was hurt in the first half, but was able to return in the second half.

On the plus side the Red Hawks did manage to pull it together in the second half holding the Kenner Rams to just one score, a touchdown by Dan Edwards on a punt return.

Down by a bunch, Griffith was forced to abandon the ground game in favour of some long Hail Mary airborne bundles in the second half. Baumgartner managed to carry the ball with the help of an offensive line that simply would not throw in the towel. And the Hawks' defense channelled their inner Butkus, coming up big on numerous plays throughout the second half, while holding the Kenner offense scoreless.

Coaches Tim Davies, Derek Little and Gary Brohman took their charges for a final meal at a local McDonald's before heading home.

Davies said that he was proud of all the players, who he said showed grit under a very trying set of circumstances.

"Yes it's a long way to come for that result," smiled Davies. "But we had lots of illnesses and we were missing a lot of guys at practices this week. The numbers we had a practice this week were low, very low. On Monday we had 16, on Tuesday we had 15, and it's just very hard to prepare for a game like this when something like this flu happens. Old injuries resurfaced today, but it's been the flu bug more than anything that just devastated us today."

Brohman concurred, but noted that the travel factor also played a role.

"I thought we did really well in the second half, played them even," said Brohman. "But the thing is we got off a bus today, and they were on their toes and we were on our heels. They had two touchdowns before we started to play."

Brohman added that the flu certainly played the major role. "The chemistry in their bodies may not have been there today," said Brohman.

Brohman, who doubles as Hal High principal, said that a coaching decision had been reached earlier in the week specifying that if they couldn't field at least 20 players they would have forfeited the game to Kenner.

"Numbers," as Bernie Madoff once opined "can be cruel."

Quarterback Scott Griffith was forced to put the ball up numerous times in the second half with the Red Hawks trailing 25-0.

RED HAWKS HOCKEY

Solid contingent of returning players

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It's high school hockey and every year brings a new set of challenges.

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You crack a few eggs and make an omelet.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School has fielded some pretty solid hockey teams over the years.

Not too long ago, a young junior named Matthew Duchene helped drag the Red Hawks deep into the post-season wars.

Hard to believe that Duchene is now firmly entrenched on a Colorado Avalanche team that is churning hope into Rocky Mountain highs thus far into the 2009-10 NHL campaign.

Red Hawks hockey coach Ron Yake remembers young Matt, but mention the Duchene years and he'll just chuckle. Like all coaches, he likes to put such chance Camelot encounters on the back burner of the old hot stove. Save it for the grandkids.

When you're a high school coach, it's best not to dwell on the pleasant anomalies. Better to deal with the raw realities.

Because in high school hockey, every season is a project and every year is a rebuilding year.

However, some shimmer and shine on the old corner boards this season, as the Red Hawks gear up for another high school hockey season.

The Red Hawks spent some time skating in a 90-minute pre-season practice last Monday at the Dysart Arena under the watchful eyes of coaches Yake and Gary Brohman.

Yake says the team is in good shape this season.

"We're looking forward to a great season with 13 returning players," says Yake. "Last year I had a young team that competed well. This year they are one year older."

All good news, and something that should more than compensate for the loss of departing stalwarts Jesse Tallman, Josh Townsend and Ryan Sherwood.

Yake feels that the large number of returning players will contribute a knowledge of the already entrenched system, and that will add to some increased performance on specialty teams. Nothing like having a core group of guys who are already familiar with the coaching staff's expectations.

"In high school hockey that can be huge, if they take advantage of it," says Yake. "As a team we will need to bring our play up one notch from last year in all areas of the rink."

Special teams are important especially late in the season and into the playoffs, explains Yake.

"One area I will be focusing on is special teams, the penalty kill and the power play," says Yake. "These will need to be better if we want to see success."

Yake says that late in the season and in the playoffs it's imperative that a team come prepared to kill penalties in key situations and also to score in crucial situations when offered the man advantage.

Of the 13 returning players, four have come under special scrutiny.

Coach Ron Yake puts his Red Hawk hopefuls through a series of drills at the Dysart arena last Monday night. /Photo by Terrance Gavan

"I always say that the oldest guys are the players that we rely on," says Yake. "And this year as always, part of the success of the team will rely on the play of the Grade 12s which include, on defense, Matt Rae and Drew Paul, and at forward, Keaton Gadway and Scott Griffith."

He adds that the four seniors will be called upon to anchor the team, but that the team's ultimate success hinges upon all of the players coming together as a molded unit.

"It's going to be a skilled team, and we're going to focus on full ice team play," says Yake.

Hockey teams are driven by the skaters, but in most cases a team's fortunes sway or swagger on the combined efforts of the last man standing between the stick and the crease.

Goaltending will play a big role in Red Hawks fortunes this season as well.

Right now, the coaches have one of those pleasant challenges, with four very talented and experienced backstops in camp.

Andrew Elia, Zach Harrison, Alex Monk-Cray, and Paddy Manuge are all vying for two available spots on the roster.

Yake says that all four bring an immense array of talent and potential to the table.

Yake says that the Red Hawks will probably go with a line up consisting of nine forwards and five defensemen.

He says that as always he will keep a couple of younger players on the training roster.

It's a long season and Yake says that right now he's concentrating on forming a cohesive unit that works well together.

"I feel that if the team puts it together and comes together as a team, great things are possible," says Yake.

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RFP# 2009-128 Carnarvon
Request for Application Package
Manager of Purchasing, LCBO
1 Yonge Street, Suite 1404
Toronto, ON, M5E 1E5

LCBO

Please note: An application fee of $100 must be included with your request in order to receive an application package. Make the cheque or money order payable to the LCBO only.

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Local seniors have expressed their concerns about snowbanks and road plowing during the winter months.

AGING WELL SURVEY

Seniors concerned about snowbanks

ANGELA VAN BERLO
Special to the Echo

The Aging Well in Haliburton County Committee recently completed their survey of seniors throughout the county to determine the concerns that face those reaching their senior years.

The committee is now switching to a pro-active mode in order to address some of the issues that have been identified.

One such issue was the difficulty seniors have experienced in recent winters with snow conditions in the village of Haliburton. To this end a delegation met with the BIA and Reeve Murray Fearrey on Monday, October 26 to look for solutions.

The reeve said that council was very sympathetic to the concerns being raised but explained that their efforts to ease the situation were severely hampered by the fact that the main street of the village is a county road and the main intersecting street is a provincial highway. The township can neither control the schedules for these thoroughfares being cleared nor can they close them down entirely for cleaning, such as they do in Minden. That being said he committed council to working as closely as possible with the committee to find solutions.

The BIA members also wanted to co-operate in any way they could and noted that most of their members were quite diligent about clearing their walks and trying to maintain an opening in the adjacent snow banks for access to parked cars and crossing the street. They were, however, quick to point out, that they had no authority to force those merchants and businesses that did not maintain their walks properly to do so.

It was suggested that members of the committee might be the best ones to approach these businesses, since they had the ability to either outwardly show support for those that complied or show their complete lack of support for those that failed to. The committee agreed to seriously consider this approach and they will be looking into ways to follow up on this idea.

In the meantime the post office and one of the banks will be approached by both the committee and the township to be a little more aggressive in efforts toward keeping their adjacent walkways cleared and the township is committed to doing a full clearing of the main street each time the banks reach a depth of 18 inches.

The Aging Well in Haliburton County committee has a mandate to search out what obstacles there may be, for the more than 4,000 county residents aged 65 and over, in order to live comfortably in their own homes, and to follow up with suggested solutions. The committee undertook an exhausted survey on the topic and has just completed a focus group meeting in each of the four municipalities to break down the problems and possible solutions in each. The issue in Haliburton village was tackled first because of the urgency of winter conditions that are quickly approaching.

As the committee continues to work on their findings and consider courses of action the public will be hearing more and more from and about them over the next number of months.

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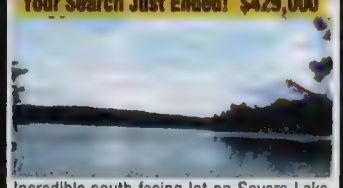

Incredible south facing lot on Soyers Lake, with 162 feet of frontage, awesome sand shoreline, beautiful view and magnificent trees! Excellent home or cottage location!

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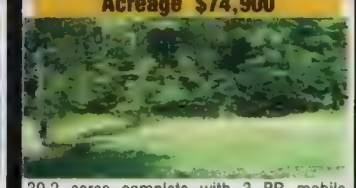
Acreage $74,900



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Eagle Lake Area $219,900

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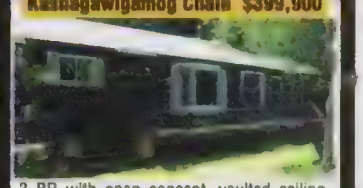

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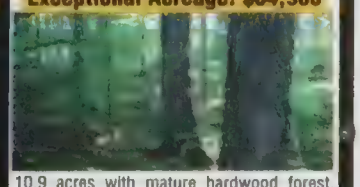

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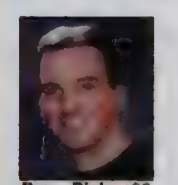

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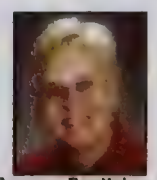

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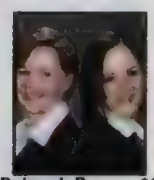

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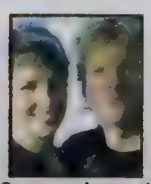

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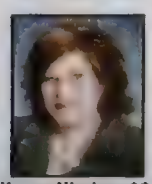

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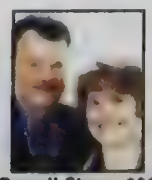

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Schools see high rate of absenteeism

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those at high risk is they contract H1N1 with a line snaking down Mountain Street and around the corner of Dysart Avenue.

Patrons of Friday's clinic said they had waited as long as two hours for the shot, but most were unbothered by the delay. Staff of the clinic said they were expecting high turnout for the shot, but were unable say how many people had been vaccinated.

Most of the county's schools have observed 10 per cent of students absent with sickness – though staff is quick to point out that students could be sick with a cold, flu or a broken toe.

School board spokesperson Jean Pengelly said that the board watches for the 10 per cent threshold of absentees to raise a "red flag" to the health unit.

At the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, Wilberforce Elementary School and Archie Stouffer Elementary School that threshold was met this week. "We are concerned and we do watch it very carefully," Pengelly said.

For those who were already sick, a flu assessment centre was set up in the family medical clinic on Gelert Road to divert those with the virus away from emergency rooms in an attempt to keep the virus out of the ER.

JENN WATT/Echo

Five-year-old Nicole Parish, comforted by her mom Jennifer, was ready for her vaccination Friday from public health nurse Robin Anthony.

"If it is just influenza it would best if they don't come into the hospital to protect our patients as well and it'd be best if they didn't go into long-term care units and spread the virus there as well," Rosebush said.

Staff at both the hospitals and the long-term care homes were vaccinated for both the seasonal flu and H1N1 last week, though 100 per cent uptake is not expected.

Laraine Shine, infection control officer for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said if vaccination rates are anything like last year, about 20 per cent of hospital staff and up to 40 per cent of nursing home staff will go without the vaccines.

Last winter, 62 per cent of Highland Wood staff was vaccinated for the seasonal flu (86 per cent of Minden's Hyland Crest got the shot). In the hospitals, 82 per cent of Haliburton staff were vaccinated while 70 per cent were in Minden, Shine said.

All of the residents of both Highland Wood and Hyland Crest have received their seasonal flu shots.

Paul Rosebush, president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, cheerfully gets his H1N1 vaccination from infection control officer Laraine Shine last week. The vaccine is now being offered to high-risk groups in the county.

Ways to avoid the flu

Wash your hands often

Frequent handwashing is the best way to protect yourself and others against influenza. People living with you or caring for you should also wash their hands frequently. Teach children the right way to wash their hands. When soap and water are not available, you can use antiseptic towelettes, or alcohol-based (60 to 70 per cent) antiseptic gels, foams and liquids.

Avoid contact with infected people

When a member of your family or household has flu, you must avoid contact with his or her personal items such as towels, utensils, cups, etc. The same goes for other people in the household, since a person can be contagious even without having any symptoms.

Drink plenty of fluids

If you have the flu, it is important to drink fluids frequently and in sufficient quantity, because fever makes you sweat, causing you to lose a great deal of water. Take cold or warm drinks, as you prefer, but avoid alcoholic drinks and drinks containing caffeine (e.g. coffee, tea, or energy drinks).

Get some rest

You will feel weak and tired until the fever subsides. Rest will help you fight off the infection. Limit contact with others until your symptoms have ended.

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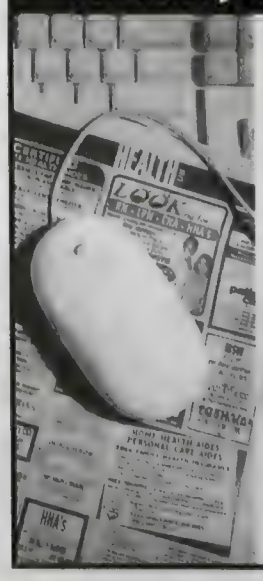

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Special flu-only clinic opens in Haliburton

A Flu Assessment Centre opened at the Haliburton Family Health Centre on Monday, November 2. This multi-agency initiative will provide citizens from across Haliburton County with a specialized service to assist them if they develop symptoms of seasonal influenza and/or pH1N1 influenza which will likely be the dominant strain of influenza this year.

The flu assessment centre will be staffed with nurses and be supported by a physician.

It was established to assist people to access specialized influenza support and in order to reduce the risk of spreading the influenza virus throughout our hospitals and community healthcare facilities.

Symptoms of seasonal and pH1N1 influenza:

• Acute onset of respiratory illness with fever and cough PLUS one or more of the following:
• Sore throat
• Joint Pain
• Muscle Pain
• Extreme Exhaustion

*fever may not be present in young children and the elderly

*some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting

Hours of Operation:

The Flu Assessment Centre will operate temporarily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily Monday to Friday. The clinic is at 7217 Gelert Road in Haliburton next to the Haliburton hospital.

Please do your part to keep our community healthy by utilizing the Flu Assessment Centre if you or a family member develops symptoms of influenza.

Additional resources:

Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-000 or TTY 1-866-797-0007

Websites: www.hkpr.on.ca www.Ontario.ca/flu www.publichealthontario.ca www.centraleastlhin.on.ca

LAUREN DIXON

Local teen star signs autographs at Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Haliburton teen, Lauren Dixon, on horse, will be appearing at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto to sign autographs with co-stars of Saddle Club. /File photo

For a few days this weekend, Lauren Dixon is once again transforming herself. She'll go from being a typical Haliburton teen to being a television star signing autographs at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

The 14-year-old Grade 9 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School spent several months last year in Australia. She was chosen as the new Stevie in the third series of The Saddle Club.

The Saddle Club brings to life the adventures of three heroines, Stevie, Carole and Lisa who share friendship and the love of their horses at Pine Hollow Stables.

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The gift of life

Rickie Wood and Rocky Roberts were two of the dozens of people who donated their blood at the October 26 blood donor clinic at the Haliburton Legion. Canadian Blood Services makes regular visits to both Haliburton and Minden.

HALIBURTON LIBRARY

One branch closes as another readies to open

The Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library is moving.

The anticipated opening date for the new location at 78 Maple Street, near York Street, is Tuesday, November 17 at 10 a.m.

In order to make the move, the current branch location at 710 Mountain Street will be closed November 3 to 14.

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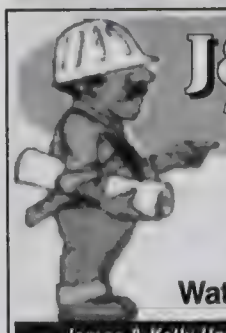

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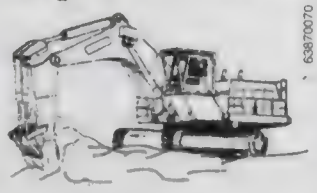

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Memorial tea honours women killed by violence

There will be a memorial tea to commemorate the national day of remembrance and action on violence against women on Sunday, December 6.

The event is in memory of the 14 women murdered December 6, 1989 in Montreal and for all women killed by violence.

The event is from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Zion United Church Hall in Carnarvon on East Road. The guest speaker is Nancy Brownsberger of SIRCH with a musical performance by Outloud Womyn's Voices.

For more information call Bob McKay at 705-754-4556. He extends special thanks to Haliburton Rotary Club, Minden Rotary Club, Haliburton Foodland and the Canadian Autoworkers Union.

WILBERFORCE LEGION

All-you-can-eat L.A. breakfast on Nov. 8

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Mel Smith
448-3680

The Wilberforce Legion is going into the last leg of its early bird draw. One of our members who paid his or her dues before November 30 will have a chance to win their dues money being returned.

Tuesday, November 3 is the executive meeting starting at 7 p.m. followed by the Ladies Auxiliary meeting on November 5.

Sunday, November 8 is the all-you-can-eat L.A. breakfast. Eggs anyway you want them (fried or scrambled) with bacon or sausages, toast, pancakes, tea or coffee from 9 a.m. until noon for a small fee of $6.

Remembrance Day is November 11. A ceremony will be held at the cenotaph next to the community centre in Wilberforce. Refreshments will be served at our Legion after that.

Friday, November 13 is the Community Care (seniors 55 years and older) Diners Club lunch. To be put on the calling list (to be notified when the lunches are) you must call Gwen Otto at 448-2106. This will allow us an opportunity to know in advance just how many people to set up for. My mother always said "waste not, want not" and she was a very wise lady.

November 20 we will have our all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is $6 per adult and $3 for children. Now where else are you going to get a homemade-type dinner with salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea or coffee. This is every third Friday of the month.

Tuesday, November 17 the Algonquin Shriners will have their 7 p.m. dinner at the Wilberforce Legion.

The wildlife dinner is December 5 so mark it on your calendar.

I'm putting this information for the whole month of November as I will be in the "land of Bambi" for the next little while and my computer doesn't work there.

If any further information is needed on any function, please call the Legion at 448-2221.

We have numerous events each day of every month for your entertainment. Come in, sit down and enjoy a social time with old friends and meet new ones in the Club room.

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ART

Artist blends both homes into stunning colourful abstracts

Yves Ameline
Brittany On My Mind
November 7 – December 19
Opening reception:
Saturday, November 7 2-4 pm

Yves Ameline strives to share his sense of wonder at the beauty of landscape through his art.

As a whole, Ameline's exhibition at the Rails End speaks to the power of place to imprint itself on memory. His adopted home in the Highlands, as well as his native Brittany, are both places where this artist finds inspiration.

"I have no wish to reproduce reality, merely to express my emotional reaction to it, focusing on abstract design and colours," says Ameline.

A careful painter, Ameline manages to preserve the essence of his subject in the collection of "lean" abstractions on exhibit from November 7 – December 19.

Simply put, there is no fat in Ameline's work. He wastes no line or block of colour describing what the viewer's imagination can complete without his help. This is what makes these paintings so good. Ameline has studied at Haliburton School of The Arts under well-known artists John Leonard, Steve Rose and Brian Smith. This is his first solo exhibition.

Everyone is welcome at the opening reception Saturday, November 7 from 2-4 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre at 23 York Street, Haliburton.

Visit the website for more information: www.railsendgallery.com.

Fall hours are Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Yves Ameline; Breton Harbour (Camaret), acrylic on canvas 2007, private collection.

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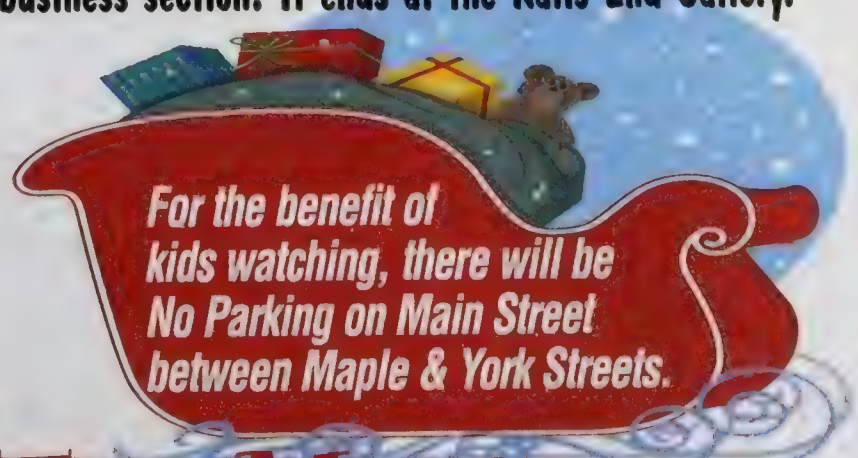

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11.17	Youth Unlimited Business Breakfast, Haliburton Arena
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A taste of Italy is huge success

JUDY SKINNER
Special to the Echo

On Saturday, October 24, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary hosted its 5th Annual "Taste of Italy" dinner and silent auction.

The sold-out crowd of 200 filled the Haliburton Legion with noisy chatter and laughter. It sounded more like a wedding reception than a fundraiser.

The overflowing front tables were covered with an array of contributions of goods and services donated by a generous and caring community. A separate "art gallery" was set up to showcase the beautiful and varied art donated by local artists.

A delicious Italian-style dinner was served by a group of local Cadets. They rose to the occasion performing enthusiastically, efficiently and, always, with the utmost courtesy.

The silent auction following dinner was not as silent as one might expect and, in fact, resulted in much laughter and cheering (for the victorious) and moaning and groaning (for the not so lucky).

While hoping to raise $8,000 to be put towards the purchase of a new C.B.C. blood analyzer for the emergency department, they exceeded all expectations and, in fact, raised more than $10,000 during the course of the evening. The total cost of the blood analyzer is $25,000 and the event has helped the auxiliary reach its fundraising goal. It's asked the HHHS to order the blood analyzer.

"A Taste of Italy" has proved to be the Auxiliary's largest single event fundraiser each year. Its success is due to the ongoing support of a generous and involved community who not only donate the auction items but purchase tickets and attend the event year after year.

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WEST GUILFORD

Oops, they're not moving at all

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

First of all, a retraction: the Crewsons are not moving from their home on Pine Lake.

Misinformation happens once in a while, and I am sorry to have caused distress over this item in last week's report.

The centre was dressed in fine style for Hallowe'en on October 31.

Orange and black, ghostly lights, laughing skeletons and fall garlands helped create the appropriate atmosphere for the fifty plus young people who attended in costume.

Food was included and DJs Amanda Bacon and Ted Howard played for the dancers.

Behind the scenes people who prepared it all included Sara Burtch, Lynn Morrison, Mandy Swinson and Tanya Sisson.

A hockey team from the tournament were some who swelled the crowd and enjoyed the party.

The year's events at the centre began at the end of February with the annual Snowshuffle.

The final line-up goes as follows: community dinner on Sunday, November 15; craft and bake sale on Saturday, November 28; Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 13; and New Year's Eve dance on Thursday, December 31, in all fourteen events arranged by the committee.

Kathleen Owens has spent the past two weeks out west, beginning with a visit to Vi and Garnet Couleters' daughters, Sharon in Nanaimo and Jean in Campbell River with also a brief visit to Garnet himself at Qualicum Beach, ending with a visit in Edmonton with Dan and Koni MacDonald.

In between, most of the time was spent with Andy and Kim Cooper at the Lake Couichan on the Island.

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These wild turkeys look absolutely majestic in the fall foliage. Vanessa Adair snapped this pic on Wolf Lake.

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WILBERFORCE

Community mourns passing of Bill Elliott

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Hilda Clark
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Many in the community have again found themselves mourning the passing of one of their own. William (Bill) Elliott died in hospital in Haliburton on Sunday evening October 25, 2009. He was in his 83rd year.

Bill, the son of Robert (Bob) and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Elliott, grew up near Wilberforce, attending the Beech Ridge School in the Mumford Road area. He enjoyed sports, being a very good softball player in his youth. Bill was a valued employee at the Wilberforce Veneer factory for many years until his retirement.

He and his wife Flo lived and raised their family in Wilberforce. They enjoyed local dances. They were very active in the cloggers dance group here for a number of years. Bill sang with the Gentlemen Of Song during the entire time they were together.

He was interested and quietly supportive in a number of areas. You might have seen him in a skit with the Loop Troupe or at an evening of cards with some friends or providing firewood for the Heritage Guild's corn roast.

And then there were all the fun times with the grandchildren. If Flo was involved and enthusiastic about something Bill would be there too, taking part.

Passing their well-groomed property was always a joy especially the nicely trimmed hedges. In their home too Bill was willing and able to lend a hand. He enjoyed baking especially bread and biscuits and willingly shared them. How tasty they were.

Bill was a faithful worshipper at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church in Highland Grove. He was a lifetime member serving in many ways. It was there that he and Flo were married. It was there on Thursday October 29, 2009 that family and friends came to say goodbye and to take part in a funeral mass.

Interment followed at the Wilberforce cemetery.

Bill was predeceased by son Stephen (1984) sisters Bridget Stapley, Luella Hogan and Kathleen Stapley and brother Roy.

Condolences are extended to his wife Flo, son Morris (Anne), grandchildren Lauren, Alexandra and Cameron, brother Tom and all of Bill's family and friends.

Plans have begun for an anniversary celebration of the Wilberforce School. All former students and staff members will want to mark the date Saturday April 24, 2010 on their calendars. Hopefully the weather will be fine and the mosquitoes and black flies not out yet. A number of enthusiastic volunteers attended the first meeting last week with some great ideas. Some responsibilities were already accepted. Lots more help is welcome. It is hoped everyone will start gathering photographs and other memorabilia that can be used in displays. Information about all 10 decades the school has been in operation will hopefully be located. Should be fun. Keep the ideas and help coming. Other groups in the community may want to get on the bandwagon and make this a really great homecoming time.

The Loop Troupe will meet this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. Last week's meeting was cancelled.

Though some youngsters in this area attended family parties on Hallowe'en because of the flu problems, we hear there was still a goodly number of costumed characters making the rounds for treats.

Do remember to visit Joyce Bowman's Christmas craft sale this Saturday at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 to 2. Sounds like fun.

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Coming Events

community calendar

What's happening in the County

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• **November 4: Cooking with Kids at the OEYC every Wednesday morning for the month of November** – Parents can enjoy whisking up some fun in the OEYC kitchen with their child. Call for more information call Minden at 286-1770 or Haliburton at 457-2989.

• **November 5: Play and Learn at Wilberforce Lloyd Watson Centre 9:30 am – 12:00 pm** - Parents and children under 6 years enjoy activities, crafts and musical circles. Gain tips and ideas around parenting challenges. Enjoy a healthy nutritional snack. For more information call Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a message at 705-457-2989

• **November 6 to November 8: Treasures at Mansfield's** – 16 Highland Gate Blvd, Minden 10 am – 4 pm.

• **November 6: Circle of Hope Hospice Kawartha Lakes** – hosting a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from noon until 1:30pm at 112 McLaughlin Rd, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811.

• **November 7: Norland Women's Institute is hoding its Annual Christmas Bazaar** - with lunchion and the usual stalls from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Women's Institute Hall in Norland.

• **November 7 and 8: 20th Annual Christmas Open House** – 10 am to 5 pm (South of Kinmount) Hosts Ed and Judy Bunville and Friends.

• **November 8: Earth-centred spiritual gathering hosted by Gaia Centre – 'Rest and Remember'** – 10:30 am at Blue Sky Studio, 18 Dysart, Haliburton. For more information call Carol Kilby 754-2427.

• **November 11: Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held at R.D. Lawrence Place, in the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Complex** - Doors open at 6pm The speaker at 7pm will be Earle Gray - "Old News" - Stories of life in Canada Past from the newspapers of 1820 to 1930. Questions or for information contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

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• **November 11: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild will be meeting at the St. Georges Anglican Church** - on Mountain Street from 1 – 3 pm. At our November meeting Sharon Middlehurst is speaking on 'The History of Quilting'. Sharon will also be holding a workshop the next day, Thurs. November 12th called 'Industrial Sewing Techniques'. It will cover all the proper ways to sew seams, put in zippers, and the general construction of garments. For more information on this workshop or the meeting, please contact Sharon Middlehurst at 705-286-1531 or email at smiddlehurst@sympatico.ca. The Guild loves to have guests at our monthly meetings so everyone is welcome.

• **November 13 to November 15: Treasures at Mansfield's** – 16 Highland Gate Blvd, Minden 10 am – 4 pm.

• **November 13: Christmas Luncheon, White Elephant and Bake Sale at the Minden United Church** - 21 Newcastle Street, Minden. Starting at 11:30 am. Adults $5. Preschool Children Free

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• **November 14: The Norland United Church Women are holding their Christmas Corner Bazaar** - from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be available from 11 am to 1 pm at the cost of $5. We will also be having a "New to You" table.

• **November 14 and 15: Annual Christmas Craft Sale** – 10 am – 5 pm, 219 Galway Rd. (S. of Kinmount) Hosts: Jennifer, Susan & Judy.

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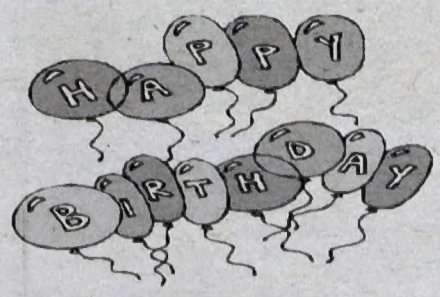

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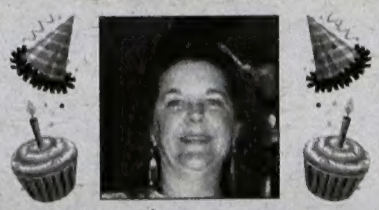

Love from Steven, Jamie, Jeremy, Marie, Ericka, Emma, Romey and Mason.

Deaths

Frewing, David Martin (aka The Tin Man) - Suddenly passed away at his beloved home in Tory Hill, on Friday, October 9, 2009. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and A.A. Friends.

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there I do not sleep.

Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again.

Arrangements entrusted to M.G. Daly Funeral Home, Maynooth. (Cards available at the funeral home (613) 338-3259 or e-mail condolences to dalyfuneralhome@bellnet.ca or visit www.mgdalyfuneralhome.com).

11715853

Marie Theresa Dennie - Passed away peacefully at the Palliative Care Unit in the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 in her 85th year. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Dennie, dear mother of Robert (Karen) Dennie, Brenda (Stephen) Dennie-Roe, Andrew (Dorothy) Trail and Rhonda (Don) Prichard. Loving grandmother of 8 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren.

Many thanks to Dr. Bottum & the nursing staff who cared for Marie in her final hours. Special thanks to Dr. Piliotis at the Sunny Brook Hospital in Toronto who helped Marie through her Cancer treatments.

You will always be in our hearts!

11718557

WHITTAKER, Hazel - In Loving Memory of Hazel Whittaker who passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Monday, October 26, 2009 in her 90th year. Hazel is predeceased by her beloved husband of 52 years Lloyd Gould Whittaker (1996), by her sisters Viola, Jessie and by her brothers Carnell and Lloyd (Buck). She is sadly missed by her daughter Pat and her husband Ken Cormier, by her son Curry Whittaker and his wife Nancy, by her grandchildren Jenny, Heidi, Billy and by her great grandchildren Jordann, McKinnon and Brooke. Private Family Interment Service. Cremation has taken place. A Private Family Service will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton where Hazel's cremated remains will be laid to rest at her late husband Lloyd's burial site. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

11711588

Card of thanks

KELLETT, the family of the late Ruth Kellett would like to express our sincere thanks for the loving care she received at Highland Woods (Haliburton). Thanks to all our family and friends for their acts of kindness, messages, floral tributes and charitable donations. Appreciation to Monk Funeral Home for their caring support and last but not least to Rev. Randy Warburton for his lovely service. Thanks again to one and all.

Don & Joy Kellett

11708193

The family of **Phyllis Bowen** wish to thank both family and friends for their kind words and acts of support following the death of their dear mother and grandmother Phyllis. During such a trying time family and friends are irreplaceable and you have all contributed immensely in helping us travel through this period of grief.

Thank you again.

11716876

Thank You

We would like to thank all the many friends and family that offered their love and support, to our family, during the recent loss of our Mother.

We truly appreciate the many cards, calls, food, flowers and donations to the 4Cs.

We especially would like to thank all the caregivers who took the extra time to "care". It didn't go unnoticed.

We also wish to acknowledge the courtesy & kind words provided by Kirsten of Monk's Funeral Home. The thoughtfulness of so many touched us deeply.

The Pockett Family

In memoriam

Gruber, George left us October 30th, 2008.

Our love for you will always keep
It cannot fade, it lies to deep

Forever loved by Trudy, Silvia, Robert, Juergen, Marco and all Friends.

And may all rejoice in the biblical hope of Gods kingdom.

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GULL LAKE

Absolutely stunning property! 257 ft ftge and 2.36 acres. Newly constructed 3800 sq. ft. of living space. Open concept, maple floors, walk out to deck and soak in the most amazing view! 2+3 bdrms, 3 baths, screen porch. Lower level would make a great granny flat.

$569,500

HALLS LAKE

2 storey waterfront home situated on a level lot with 160 ft of sand shoreline. 4 bdrms, 2 baths, pine kitchen, dbl sided stone fireplace, large living area, cathedral ceilings. Dbl garage with loft.

$559,000

HORSESHOE LAKE

Spacious home/cottage ideal for large family or people who like to entertain. Lg screen porch, dbl car garage, natural wood siding.Gorgeous sand shoreline. Large picture windows overlooking the lake. Near Minden & White Water Rapids. **$509,000**

PERCY LAKE

4 bdrm newer constructed waterfront cottage or home. Southern exposure and big lake view. Rock and sand shoreline. Open concept living area, hardwood floors, full walkout basement. Hickory kitchen cabinetry, extensive decking, drilled well, septic and FAP heat.

$460,000

DRAG LAKE - BONHAMS BAY

Spacious 7 bdrm cottage situated on a private, 3.76 acre lot with 374 ft of shoreline. Large living area, pine cathedral ceilings, stone fireplace and w/o's to 2 large decks. Full finished basement with large rec room.

$449,000

KUSHOG LAKE

Immaculate 2 bedroom cottage situated on a double lot. These 2 separately deeded lots have nicely landscaped, nice clean shoreline. Open concept living area, tastefully decorated. Large master bedroom loft. Boasts loads of character.

$379,000

HALIBURTON HOME

The stone house everyone admires! 3+1 bdrm, renovated and tastefully decorated, slate flrs, custom kitchen, stone fireplace, 2 baths, att'd garage plus det'd garage, lovely gardens, patios and streams. Prime location.

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Renovated 3 bdrm cottage situated on a sunny level lot. Western exposure, big lake view, sandy shoreline. Insulated Bunkie, maple kitchen, 200 amp hydro, wrap around deck.

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LOG CABIN

With post and beam and reclaimed brick. Character and quality assured! Charming kitchen with pine cabinetry, quaint livingroom, massive decking with stone fireplace and the MOST BREATHTAKING VIEW OF GULL LAKE!

$299,000

CHALET-IN-THE WOODS

Live in town yet feel like you're in the country. Modern 3 bdrm, 3 bath home. Vaulted ceilings, wood floors, huge rec room, large picture windows, wrap around decks, detached garage, beautiful gardens, waterfalls, privacy plus. A MUST TO SEE!

$294,900

ROSS LAKE

3BR on a private well treed lot, quiet spring fed, no motor lake. Open concept LR/KIT w/walkout to large wraparound deck. Cathedral ceilings. Bunkie for overflow guests! Shed for storage.

$269,000

WONDERLAND ROAD

Tastefully decorated 3 bdrm home 5 minutes from Haliburton. 3 baths, main flr lndry, "Florida Room", lg family room, sewers, drilled well, paved drive, att'd dbl car garage. Nicely treed, private lot.

$269,000

HALIBURTON HOME

3 bdrm ranch style bungalow situated on a 10 acre parcel providing ultimate privacy. 10 mins to town, open concept, sunken LR, pine cathedral ceilings, mstr bdrm with ensuite, full w/o bsmt. Beautiful gardens.

$259,900

KOSHLONG LAKE

Traditional style cottage on Algonquin style lot. West exp & beautiful smooth rock shoreline, on a yr rnd rd. Wavy cedar wood siding, steel roof, 2 BR, 3 pc bath, screened porch, open concept living area. Large deck overlooks lake. This 3 season cottage is the perfect get-a-way.

$249,000

TROOPER LAKE

Reno'd 3 BR cottage on pretty lot with good comfortable living area with woodstove for cozy warmth. Bright sunporch & beautiful stone patio/firepit at the front give lovely view. Good swimming off end of dock. Neat, clean & tidy... ready for you. Owner's care of this property really shows!

$239,900

BUCKSKIN LAKE

Immaculate 3 bdrm cottage situated on a private lot with smooth rock shoreline. Open concept, sunroom, pine kitchen, 2 baths, garage/workshop and boathouse. A MUST TO SEE !

$234,500

HALIBURTON LAKE

3 bdrm backsplit cottage with pretty view of lake. Open concept, cedar vaulted ceilings, large deck ideal for entertaining, 266 ft of gorgeous frontage and approx 2 acres in size. Property size is 2 lots in total call for details.

$224,900

HARMONY ROAD

Modern 3 bdrm home situated on level lot close to town. Enjoy the pretty view o ge picture windows or your private front deck. Sunken LR. Main flr laundry, att'd garage. Nice, bright & cheery! FAO heat, central vac, CA & maintenance free siding.

$215,900

KNOB HILL COURT

This 2 + 2 bdrm home is located in an upscale neighbourhood in the Minden area. Master bdrm with sitting area, hdwd flrs, vaulted clgs, lg picture windows, full fin bsmt, 2 baths, sunrm, single det'd garage, level lot, walk to amenities.

$209,000

HALIBURTON LAKE

Cute and cozy 3 bdrm cottage situated on the water's edge. Beautiful, clean shoreline, 3 pce bath, open concept, side patio with hot tub. Large dock, great view of the lake. Adjacent property also for sale.

$199,900

LOG HOME

2 bedroom pine log home situated on a level corner lot. Full walkout bsmt with large rec room, laundry and office space. Drilled well, septic, generator back up. Barn, shed and insulated garage.

$149,000

HIGHLAND ST-HALIBURTON

3BR home in the village. 4pc bath, closed in front porch, mn flr lndry, walk to all amenities. Drilled well, town sewers. Great dbl lot w/good sized back yard.

$139,500

HALIBURTON HOME - HWY 118

3 bedroom family home located close to town. Large eat in kitchen, separate dining area, 4 pce bath, main floor laundry. Nice back yard with firepit. Walk to town, close to Head Lake.

$128,500

PERCY LAKE

Nicely treed waterfront lot. Clean rock and sand shoreline. Pretty south facing view, driveway in and building site cleared. Year round road, hydro and telephone available. 107 ft ftge.

$214,900

GELERT ROAD

Renovated 3 bedroom home. Nice and bright, neat and close. Located close to the town of Haliburton and nicely landscaped. Laminate floor, pine kitchen, sunroom and gazebo.

$119,900

CARNARVON HOME-HWY 35

Why pay rent? This 2 bedroom home is ideal for the young couple just starting out or even a retired couple! 4pce bath, open concept living area, drilled well, septic and close to lake.

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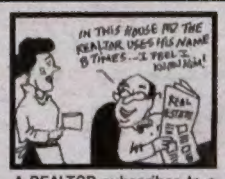

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